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Officers Elected at Annual Meeting.

Moderator.

ALBERT FIELD.

Town Clerk.

ALBERT H. VARNEY,

Representative.

DANIEL LYNCH.

Selectmen.

AUSTIN J. NEALE, *Treasurer.*
DANIEL C. LANGLANDS,
JAMES E. COE.

Superintending School Committee.

MRS. OLIVE J. VARNEY.

Collector.

N. G. HOWARD.

Auditors.

S. E. WILLIAMS,
GEO. O. PAUL.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Valuation of property in town, April 1, 1876:

Real Estate,	$218,000 00	
Personal,	92,672 00	
No. of Polls 235,	23,500 00	
Total valuation of the town,		$334,172 00

Rate of State, County, Town, School and Highway tax *1.45 per $100.

Town of South Newmarket in account with the Selectmen,

CR.

Received of State Treasurer, Railroad tax,		$467 04
Savings Bank tax,		324 78
Literary Fund,		70 65
" County,		120 45
" School district No. 1, lightning rods and insurance,		83 98
" Net income of Town Hall,		28 00
By balance collector Towle's list for 1873,	35 01	
Less abatements,	19 80	
		15 21
By balance collector Howard's list, 1874,	76 69	
Less abatements,	3 45	
		73 24
By balance collector Howard's list, 1875,	539 87	
Less abatements,	20 81	
Received,		519 06

20 Mr '95

1760

Amount committed to N. G. Howard for collection, list of 1876,		4925 50	
10 per cent. discount,	336 95		
5 " "	18 34		
Less abatements,	24 65		
Uncollected,	192 78		
		572 72	
Received,			4352 74
By amount received from School district, No. 2,			86 44
			$6141 63

DR.

1876, March 2,	Paid E. C. Williams, for copying Town acocunts,	$3 00
" 2,	" Jerry Keefe, Police services,	4 00
" 2,	" Freeman W. Jones, labor on highway,	5 00
" 7,	" Wm. B. Small, legal advice in relation to Surveyor's constructing new highway,	14 00
" 18,	" Ann M. Wiggin, balance due on Geo. P. Kelly's board,	2 25
" 25,	" Daniel Lynch, balance due as Treasurer, 1876,	45 71
" 29,	" J. D. P. Wingate, printing town accounts,	30 00
" 29,	" Geo. E. Lane, books, etc.	2 80
" 29,	" J. E. Simpson, constable's badge,	1 40
April 3,	" Interest on notes,	62 04
	" on temporary loan,	60
" 11,	" Sam'l Neal, for breaking roads, March 8 and 10, 1875,	7 50
" 13,	" Joseph Smith, labor on culvert,	16 00

April 13,	"	County bill,	7	80
May 3,	"	Joshua Getchell, weights and measures,	10	23
" 9,	"	Samuel Neal jr, surveyor of highways for district No. 2,	75	00
" 25,	"	Geo. B. Wiggin, surveyor of highways for district 3,	72	70
" 30,		Kate Fitzgerald, aid from County,	10	00
June 9,	"	John C. Giddings, surveyor of highways, district No. 1,	421	25
12,	"	W. W. Stickney, legal advice respecting new highway and school district tax,	2	00
" 16,	"	Jane Kennard, for ladders broken used in rep'ng town hall,	2	00
" 28,	"	D. R. Smith, land to be used for highway purposes,	15	00
" 30,	"	D. G. Neal, breaking roads Feb. 28, '76,	4	30
	"	Interest on temporary loan,	2	00
July 1,	"	County tax,	1130	04
" 3,	"	Benj. F. Abbot, by order of highway surveyor,	4	00
" 19,	"	J.P.Sanborn, labor on bank wall,	17	98
" 30,	"	Samuel G. Neal jr. breaking highways,	12	90
Aug. 11,	"	C. H. Leavitt, R. R. ticket,		55
" 11,	"	J. M. Ewin, extra police service,	5	00
" 14,	"	G. W. Weston, aid searching records,		50
" 16,	"	S. Gray, services at Trotier's funeral and digging grave,	8	00
" 16.	"	James E. Coe, getting coffin for P. Trotier,	2	00
" 28,	"	A. R. Wiggin, coffin,	8	00

Sept. 20,	"	C. H. Littlefield, extra police services, July 4,	2 50
" 20,	"	Kate Fitzgerald, as aid from County,	10 00
" 22,	"	A. H. Varney, attendance on P. Trotier,	5 00
" 22,	"	A. O. Smith, watching a wash-out in highway.	1 50
Oct. 23,	"	H. B. Burnham, holding inquisition and returning papers to Probate relating to W.F.French,	5 00
Nov. 8,	"	Austin J. Neale, for labor and money paid out on bank wall,	21 95
"	"	L. S. Manning, labor on bank wall,	5 00
" 18,		State tax,	1112 00
" 19,	"	Eben Smith, labor on "Prescott" burying ground,	3 60
" 30,	"	L. S. Pease, police services July 4,	2 50
" 30,	"	Insurance on Town Hall building,	43 75
Dec. 5,	"	David Murray, in regard to getting pension by Trotier's papers,	50
" 13,	"	Daniel Lynch, holding inquisition on W. F. French,	5 00
" 13,	"	Kate Fitzgerald, as aid from County,	20 00
" 15,	"	Geo. B. Wiggin, school money, District 2,	210 00
1877.			
Jan. 15,	"	Geo. B. Wiggin, Literary Fund,	$9 00
" 19,	"	J. M. Ewin, extra police services,	2 00
" 29,	"	L. M. Mason, for taking care J. Jone's child,	6 00
" 29,	"	C. R. Leavitt, R. R. tickets,	3 40
Feb. 5,	"	Austin J. Neal, for wood furnished Mrs. Conner Neal,	24 00
" 5,	"	Kate Fitzgerald, aid from Co.	17 25
" 14,	"	Wm. Langlands, for watching fire near John M. Ewin's house,	1 50

Feb.	14,	" J. F. Fowler, lumber and labor on burying ground,	11 65
"	16,	" J. M. Ewins, police services for the year,	6 00
"	19,	" Cyrus Littlefield, for use of watering trouth and damage to sheep by dogs,	7 00
"	20,	per bill rendered, S. M. Co.	31 77
"		Justice services to L. G. Hoyt,	9 00
"		G. W. Pease, services as Sheriff,	13 42
"		Samuel Neal Jr. breaking roads in District No. 2,	49 30
"		John C. Giddings, breaking roads in District No. 1,	130 75
"		Joseph P. Jones, boarding J. Jones child,	7 50
"		E. G. Hill, breaking roads,	10 00
"		Geo. B. Wiggin " "	96 50
"		Geo. B. Wiggin, damage done to sheep by dogs,	5 00
"		Hannah Sanborn, damage done to sheep by dogs,	4 00
"		John Fogg, damage done to sheep by dogs,	4 00
"		Joshua W. Neal, damage done to sheep by dogs,	20 00
"		Jerry Keefe, police services for the year,	6 00
"	21,	J. E. Simpson, R. R. Tickets,	4 90
"		J. H. Hanson, painting burying ground fence,	4 00
"		Geo. W. Pease, damage done to sheep by dogs,	30 00
"		A. Field, for paint, oil and other goods,	20 43
"		E. J. Beal, three trips to Exeter, on account of weights and measures,	5 00

Feb. 21,	"	G. D. W. Robinson, watering trough for one year,	3 00
" 22,	"	Eliza Pike, damage done to sheep by dogs,	8 00
	"	A. H. Varney, duties as clerk,	34 96
		" recording births and deaths,	8 75
	"	Olive J. Varney, Supt. Schools,	25 00
" 24,	"	Daniel C. Langlands, services selectman,	38 50
	"	James E. Coe, services as selectman,	33 50
	"	Austin J. Neale, se.vices as Selectman,	55 95
		services as Treasurer,	30 00
" 24,	"	C. E. Durell, School Dist. No. 1,	1363 00
" 24	"	" Literary Fund,	61 65
	"	Ann M. Wiggin, putting up poor persons,	38 00
	"	Ann M. Wiggin, expenses in Trotier case,	12 00
	"	C. H. Littlefield, for police services,	6 00
	"	C. D. Willey, for taking care of the body of Gilpatrick, getting coffin, &c.	5 00
	"	J. N. Howard, damage done to sheep by dogs,	2 00
	"	N. G. Howard, collecting taxes,	57 73
	"	S. E. Williams and Geo. O. Paul, auditors,	4 00
	"	Interest on notes against the town,	61 50
	"	Note No. 5,	250 00
			$6091 76
Balance in hands of A. J. Neale, Treasurer,			49 87
			$6141 63

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

Town of South Newmarket to Austin J. Neale, Dr.

1876.		
March 11,	To time and expense to Exeter to answer notice of Court,	$3 00
April 15,	Getting invoice to make school house tax,	1 00
18,	Making school house tax,	2 00
May 18,	Returning invoice to State Sec'y for 1875 and 1876,	1 50
June 29,	Stationery and stamps,	3 45
Aug. 11,	Time to see County Com'r Hampton Falls, and carrying W. F. French to Brentwood,	4 00
16,	Twice to Exeter to attend Court, and once to Newmarket on account of W.F. French,	5 00
Sept. 20,	Time to Exeter to settle County bills and justice fees,	2 00
27,	Time and expense to Concord to pay State tax,	6 00
	Surveying on the Concord R. R.	1 00
Oct 21,	Making check-list,	2 00
Nov. 23,	Time and expense to Portsmouth twice to settle County bills,	4 00
Dec. 5,	Time and expense to Stratham on account of C. A. Jones's child,	2 00
12,	Time to meet County Com'rs,	1 00
1877,		
Jan'y 29,	Time to Stratham on account of J. Jones's child,	1 00
	Aiding poor persons,	2 00
Services as Selectmen for the year,		15 00
		$55 95

Received Payment,

AUSTIN J. NEALE.

Town of South Newmarket to Daniel C. Langlands, Dr.

1876,		
March 11,	Time to Exeter to answer notice from court,	$3 00
April 18,	Making school house tax,	2 00
May 8,	Returning invoice to Sec'y of State for 1875 and 1876,	1 50
	Making inventory and reporting to Agricultural Society on same,	3 00
Aug. 11,	Time to Newmarket twice on account of W. F. French,	2 00
Oct. 21,	Making check-list,	2 00
1877,		
Jan'y 8,	Time to Stratham on account J. Jones's child,	1 00
	Attending business on account of new streets,	1 00
	Aiding poor persons,	3 00
Feb'y 20,	Making check-list,	2 00
	Time and expense in district 3 to widen road,	1 00
21,	Time to Stratham to get J. Jones's child,	1 00
22,	Labor on highway,	1 00
All other services as Selectman,		15 00
		$38 50

Received Payment,

DANIEL C. LANGLANDS.

Town of South Newmarket to James E. Coe, Dr.

1876,		
April 18,	To making school house tax,	$2 00
May 8,	Returning invoice to State Sec'y for 1875 and 1876,	1 50
	Enumerating the children in town and making return of the same,	3 00
Aug. 11,	Expense to Newmarket to get counsel,	2 00
Oct. 21,	Making check-list,	2 00
1877,		
Jan'y 8,	Horse twice to Stratham,	1 50
	Holding hearing on streets,	1 00
	Aiding poor persons,	50
Feb'y 20,	Time to Brentwood to settle County bills,	3 00
	Making check-list,	2 00
All other services as Selectman,		15 00
		$33 50

Received Payment,

JAMES E. COE.

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Abatements on list of 1874.

Paid	Caleb G. Cloudman, dog,	1 00
	Patrick Casey, dog,	1 00
	James Pike, poll,	1 45
		$3 45

Abatements on list of 1875.

B. F. Abbott, dog,	1 00
S. R. Abbott, poll,	1 45
John Broderick, dog,	2 00
Joseph Brackett, poll,	1 45
Michael Casey, 2d, poll,	1 45
Charles Cook, poll,	1 45
Patrick Casey, dog,	1 00
Charles A. Jones, poll,	1 45
Thomas Kelley, dog,	1 00
Patrick O'Brine, poll,	1 45
Eben Wilson, poll,	1 45
Jonathan Burley, land,	87
Joseph Langley, land	44
Joseph Lang, land,	4 35
	$20 81

Abatements on list of 1876.

James M. Broderick, poll,	$1 45
John Broderick, dog,	1 00
Michael Casey 2d, poll,	1 45
David Curry, poll and dog,	2 45
John C. Fernald, poll,	1 45
C. V. Jenness, dog,	1 00
Fred Kennard, poll,	1 45

Paid John W. Marsh, poll,		1 45
Geo. P. Strickland, poll,		1 45
Plummer Thompson, dog,		1 00
Albert A. Walker, poll,		1 45
Jonathan Burley, land,		87
Jos. Langley,		44
H. O. Smith, dog,		1 00
H. F. Dearborn, horse,		1 45
E. Pendergast, land (by error),		94
Isaac Jenness,		1 45
Joseph Lang,		2 90
		$24 65

Abatements on list of 1873.

Charles H. Stevens,		19 80

TOWN DEBTS.

Note No. 3,	500 00	
No. 4,	275 00	
		$775 00
Balance due school district, No. 2,		1 92
		776 92
Less due on collector Howard's list for 1876, remaining uncollected,	192 78	
In hands of Austin J. Neale, treas.	49 87	
		$242 65
Balance of indebtedness,		$534 27

AUSTIN J. NEALE,
DANIEL C. LANGLANDS,
JAMES E. COE.
} Selectmen of So. Newmarket.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

South Newmarket, March 1, 1877.

We, the subscribers, Auditors of the town of South New· Market, hereby certify that the foregoing entries are correctly cast and properly vouched.

S. E. WILLIAMS,
GEO. O. PAUL. } Auditors.

Selectmen's account with School District, No. 2.

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By balance of collector's list for 1875,	17 00	
Less abatements, F. J Hilton,	2 00	
Received,		15 00
By amount committed for collection on list of 1876,	344 79	
Less abatements, (E. Pendergast)	42	
Received,		344 37
		359 37

DR.

To paid Treasurer of said district,	271 01	
Town of South Newmarket,	86,44	
		357 45
Cash in hands of Town Treasurer,		1 92
		359 37

DISTRICT DEBT.

Note and interest,	424 00	
Less cash in hands Town treasurer,	1 92	
Balance of indebtedness,		422 08

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

Your Committee respectfully submits the following
ANNUAL REPORT:

Our Schools, the past year, have been conducted with as much success and as few failures as could reasonably be expected. By visiting the schools without notice, and with as little ceremony as possible, I have been better able to see them in their normal condition, without the excitement and the special preparations which usually precede formal and expected visits; and good teachers are generally very willing to have their schools seen and known as they are. Of course they desire that their merits should be observed and appreciated, but they also desire to have their faults indicated that they may correct them.

The whole number of children in town, between the ages of five and fifteen, attending school not less than two weeks, is one hundred and fifty-six. The number of children of each sex, between the ages of five and fifteen years, that have not attended school the past year, is eleven—males five, females six.

The amount of money required to be raised by law, nine hundred dollars. Raised in addition six hundred dollars.

Received from the Literary Fund seventy-three dollars, making in all one thousand five hundred and seventy-three dollars, or about ten dollars to each scholar.

The Prudential Committee, Messrs. Charles E. Durell and George B. Wiggin, have taken great interest in our schools, and have discharged their duties in a faithful and impartial manner.

DISTRICT I.

This District embraces three schools, viz:—The Primary, Intermediate and High Schools. The whole number of scholars one hundred and forty-two. Length of schools, the past year, thirty-three weeks.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The Primary School has been under the instruction of Miss Hattie E. Sanborn. Whole number of pupils *sixty*. Average attendance during the year 53 1-3; wages of teacher per month $40.00. The text books used are Franklin's First, Second and Third Readers; Walton's Primary Arithmetic; Eclectic Series Geography No. 1; Primary Tracing Book.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The names of all pupils who have neither been absent or tardy during a term:

First Term—Michael T. Griffin, Minnie R. Smith, Nellie Marden, Ida Harrington, Maggie Kelley.

Second Term—Michael T. Griffin, C. Fred Walton, Nellie Marden, George Chase, Grace Walton, Etta Pease, Maggie Broderick.

Third Term—Michael T. Griffin, C. Fred Walton, James O. Pike, Nellie Fearns, Nellie O'Conner.

Our Primary School, whose success so deeply affects that of the other grades, is in a prosperous and improving condition. The importance of this school is beginning to be bet-

ter appreciated and acknowledged. It has too often been taken for granted that a person of small literary attainments would be amply sufficient to take charge of this school. Here is a great mistake. The teacher holds a situation in many respects far more responsible than any one in any other grade of schools. The demands that are made on the Primary teacher are most exacting. Itellect and heart, soul and body, are put in requision ; and to organize such a school and conduct it successfully is a high honor to any teacher, and we claim for such a one the credit of large mental ability.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

The Intermediate School was taught by Miss C. Flora Hayes. Whole number of scholars forty-two ; average attendance 37 2-15. Wages of teacher per month $40.00. The text books used are Franklin's Third, Fourth and Fifth Readers ; Walton's Mental and Practical Arithmetic ; Swinton's Grammar ; Eclectic Series Geographies.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The names of pupils who have neither been absent or tardy during a term :

First Term—Maggie Kelly, Charles Wormstead, Annie Glidden, Hugh Kelly, Nellie Gray.

Second Term—Maggie Kelly.

Third Term—Maggie Kelly.

The Intermediate School, we are happy to report, has made marked improvement within the past year, both in its discipline and the studies pursued, which any person who has visited it in former years cannot fail to see. We regret that so few parents who have children in this school think it a duty and find it a pleasure to visit the school-room where their children are daily receiving so important a part of that culture and training which will decide their future respecta-

bility and success in life. To any candid and intelligent parent or citizen, wo would say, it is not only your privilege but your duty to visit this school and see for yourselves what it is. You have no right to judge of it merely by what others say.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School was taught during the year by Frederick E. Eldridge. Whole number of pupils forty. Average attendance during the year thirty-four. Wages of teacher per month $55.00

The list of text books used in this school are Franklin's Fifth and Sixth Readers; Walton's Arithmetic; Eclectic Series Geographies; Quackenbos' Grammar; Greenleaf's Algebra; Greenleaf's Geometry; Anderson's Ancient History; Lossings' U. S. History; Natural Philosophy; Rhetoric and Book Keeping.

Mr. Eldridge is a gentleman of fine literary attainments, and a good disciplinarian; but he labored under serious difficulties. A spirit of insubordination on the part of some of the scholars seriously interfered with the school's progress, and defeated his best endeavors. The school's improvement was very good, and some of the classes are to be highly commended, yet we believe still more improvement might be made. By suitable attention to these rebellious scholars and also by supporting the authority of the teacher, parents may greatly promote the success of this school.

DISTRICT NO. II.

This school was under the instruction,, during the year, of Miss M. Addie Fifield. Length of school twenty-six weeks. One term of twelve weeks and one term of fourteen weeks. Whole number of scholars 14; average attendance for the year 12. Wages of teacher per month $34.00. Text books—Franklin's Readers; Swinton's Grammar; Walton's Arith-

metic; Eclectic Series Geographies; Greenleaf's Algebra; Lossing's U. S. History; Norton's Philosophy.

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term—Edith M. Fogg, Laura A. Smith, Flora A. Foss, Flora C. Smith, Annie G. Miles.

Second Term—Edith M. Fogg, Laura A. Smith, Flora A. Foss, Emma C. Bowley, Freddie S. Foss, Harry J. Marden.

This School has fully sustained its former reputation "as one of the best." How could it be otherwise with a faithful and efficient teacher, and studious, well-disposed scholars.

Of teachers and pupils and the work of instruction your Committee can generally report favorably, and in some instances with high commendation. Teachers labor at an almost insurmountable disadvantage who have to encounter the adverse influences of the family and home. Many a bitter and angry feeling, much irregularity of attendance, dissatisfaction and complaints would be prevented, if the work of the school-room could be understood at home. When the teacher's varied, difficult and exhausting employments are fully apprehended by parents, then will the prosperity of our schools be secured.

MRS. OLIVE J. VARNEY,
Superintending School Committee.

South Newmarket, March 6, 1877.

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